2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 AT TACOMA 10 11 CARL T. MADSEN, INC., d/b/a MADSEN 12 ELECTRIC, a Washington corporation, 13 Plaintiff. No. C 08-5596 KLS 14 v. 15 ABB, INC., a Delaware corporation; and ORDER DENYING MOTION TO MWH CONSTRUCTORS, INC., a Delaware EXCLUDE EVIDENCE 16 corporation, 17 Defendants. 18 19 Plaintiff, Carl T. Madsen, Inc. filed a Motion to Exclude Evidence of MWH's Delay Claim (Dkt. 20 60 - 63). MWH Constructors filed its Response (Dkt. 65 - 67) and the Plaintiff filed its Reply (Dkt. 68 -21 71). The Plaintiff's request to exclude evidence is based on Fed. R. Civ. P. 37 (c). 22 A request to exclude evidence is one of the most extreme sanctions available to the Court and 23 should be granted only in appropriate cases. This is not one of those cases. 24 If, in fact, the Plaintiff is of the view that discovery has not been properly provided or that 25 interrogatories have not been properly answered the appropriate motion would be one to compel which

can only be scheduled after counsel have met and conferred. This is particularly true in light of the fact

discovery cut-off. There is ample time available for the issues raised to be resolved, either by agreement

that discovery cut-off is June 15, 2010. This motion to exclude evidence was filed 7 months prior to

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or by motion before the court, prior to the discovery cut-off. The Motion to Exclude Evidence (Dkt. 60) is DENIED. DATED this 22nd day of January, 2010.

Karen L. Strombom United States Magistrate Judge